

**Tulsa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes**

June 7, 2018

Location: Growing Together Tulsa - 18 S. Lewis Ave.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Institutional Advisors Present</b>		<b>Guests Present</b>
Mitch Drummond Ken Graham Sarah Kobos Nathan Leigh Larry Mitchell Lauren Wagner	Philip Berry Gary Percefull Isaiah Persson Tim Stendel Shelby Templin Jane Ziegler	COT Planning Tulsa Public Schools Tulsa Health Dept Tulsa Police Dept ODOT INCOG	Ryan Pierce
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Institutional Advisors Absent</b>		
J.D. Walker	Nick Doctor Matt Liechti Tracy Nyholm Stephen Place Daniel Sperle Robert Swain	COT – Mayor’s Office COT Engineering COT Traffic Ops Tulsa Hub Tulsa BikeShare TPS Chief of Law Enforcement	

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Larry Mitchell. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Larry Mitchell announced the completion of the sidewalk at 23rd and Yale after Ken Graham used the 311 app.

Officer Stendel discussed the reasons why current enforcement of speed limits is down 32%. Among the reasons are the high costs of speeding tickets and the downgrading of drug possession to a misdemeanor. If you know of a problem area, contact the division and make a request for their traffic unit to patrol it.

Larry Mitchell raised the issue of who should be included in BPAC emails that require approval between meetings. There was some confusion related to BPAC’s stance on driveway width, which was approved (between meetings) by email to Citizen Members. This strategy was approved by consensus during the April 5, 2018 BPAC meeting.

Mitchell reviewed language from the BPAC Consensus Building Approach (CBA) document in Step 4 and Step 5, which discuss how Institutional Advisors participate in consensus agreements during BPAC meetings.

Nathan Leigh mentioned that the bylaws state that the Executive Committee has the authority to act on behalf of BPAC in between meetings. Larry Mitchell pulled up the bylaws to review this statement in Article V. The bylaws state that the Executive Committee has “all powers and authority of the Members

of BPAC in the intervals between meetings.” (There’s a typo in the bylaws that needs to be corrected. There are two sections labeled “B” in Article V. The second one should be a “C.”)

Gary Percefull said that he felt his role was to “advise.” Although he brings the perspective of Tulsa Public Schools, no one at TPS has ever designated him an official representative with the authority to speak and vote on behalf of the school district. He said he would not be comfortable doing more than acting as an advisor.

Isaiah Persson also said that he was comfortable as an Institutional Advisor, but didn’t see his role as the same as a Citizen Representative. His job is to offer information and perspective and to help make decisions but not to be a voting member.

Sarah Kobos said that it’s hard to know which institutional advisors to include on an official email because different staff show up for any given meeting. Example: City Engineers, Health Department, INCOG, etc. It’s not always the same person.

Do we need an official “member form” where the various institutions can designate their primary representative and official designees?

Jane Ziegler gave the INCOG report. Volunteers have been completing bike/ped counts on city streets and sidewalks. They identified specific locations based on crash data. Counts are taking place from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM on weekdays, and from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM on weekends. This is the first time that INCOG has done on-street, active transportation counts instead of recreational trail user counts.

Ziegler gave an update on the potential for a CLEET certified bicycle safety training. The consultant’s cost to provide training is \$2,700 / day for 15 participants.

Ziegler said that there is interest at the City to review outdated MuniCode ordinances to clean them up. If you have any suggestions for ordinance changes related to bike/ped, please submit them to Jane by July 3.

Ziegler gave an update on approved GO Plan amendments. She also mentioned that the Arena District Urban hike will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> to help people engage in the planning process by experiencing it on foot and making observations. Meet at 5:30 at the Central Library Plaza.

Tulsa Bikeshare will host an expo on Saturday June 9 to announce “This Machine.” Soft launch planned for late July. They will have a celebrity “race” at Tulsa Tough on Saturday afternoon to promote bikeshare.

Larry Mitchell discussed the idea of BPAC giving out a Bike-Friendly award, which is a suggestion from INCOG which could serve to encourage and educate, using examples of groups/person etc that are excelling in making Tulsa friendlier and safer for persons who ride bikes and walk.

Larry Mitchell asked if BPAC should advocate for Mingo Valley trail completion between 51<sup>st</sup> to 61<sup>st</sup>. The City of Tulsa has received \$500k in TAP grants for this section. However, there is an estimated \$500k funding gap to complete the project. However, if this becomes a signed route, the funds needed will be considerably less.

Need to start advocating early for bike/ped projects if we want them included in the next bond package. The City is already starting to plan and discuss priorities.

Ken Graham said that BikeOK will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> in Norman. Ryan Fogle from RIDE OKC will be the guest speaker. The Oklahoma Summit is set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Edmond. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. There will be sessions for new riders and those wanting to learn more about bike advocacy.

Larry Mitchell said there will be a public meeting to discuss Blue Zones on Wed June 27 from 9:30 – 12:30.

Nathan Leigh discussed the Southwest Blvd design plans including bike lanes and sharrows. Representatives from Goodwill were worried about their trucks needing space. However, many customers of Goodwill don't drive.

Next Meeting July 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Growing Together Tulsa